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LAGGING CZECHOSLOVAK COAL REGION FACES HIGHER PRODUCTION GOALS

OSTRAVA-KARVINA REGION BEHIND SCHEDULE -- Prague, Obrana Lidu, 1 Jan 52

Coal production in the Ostrava-Karvina region has been lagging for some time. In September 1951 the monthly plan was fulfilled only 76 percent, and full 100-percent production was not reached until the end of the year. The shortages caused by the slowdown were not made up. However, this did not prevent the fulfillment of the national coal-production plan for the year, as the brown-coal districts more than made up the difference. Total coal production for 1951 was 5 to 6 percent above that of 1950.

Prague, Rude Pravo, 15 Jan 52

Karel Srajer, manager of the OKD (Ostrava-Karvina Mines) Combine, addressing a plenary session of miners in Ostrava on 14 January, stated that the mines were short of the goal set by the Five-Year Plan. According to plan, 210 coal faces should have been in production by 1 January, whereas only 162 were actually being worked.

He reported that six mines were in process of being electrified, and telephone communications were being put in between the diggings and the surface. He pointed out that speedy repairs are a cardinal factor in maintaining production, since most mining machinery tends to break down very easily.

Sunday, 20 January, was set as an extra working day, to permit the miners to fulfill their January quota.

Prague, Prace, 4 Jan 52

According to plan, the OKD Combine is to reach an output of 17,116,000 tons of coal during 1952. This represents an increase of more than a million tons over 1951, the third year of the Five Year Plan.

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.Litvinov, 14 January -- On 13 January 1952 the name of the Hercules mine
[in the North Bohemian coal region] was changed to Vitezny Unor (Victorious
February).

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